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23 February 1972

SUBJECT: Planning for the Last KH-4 Missions - 1116 and 1117

TO: COMIREX MC&G Working Group Members

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1. Reference discussions in MCGWG meeting of 14 February 1972 on above subject and our memorandum to Chairman, COMIREX, Subject: Use of Remaining KH-4 System Towards Meeting MC&G Requirements, dated 16 February 1972.

2. Mission 1116 is currently scheduled by NRO in early April. The primary purpose of scheduling 1116 at this time is to meet certain priority intelligence requirements during the period beginning with the results of [redacted] and extending to the present scheduled date of [redacted]. Even though intelligence requirements for 1116 will be the principal driving force, mission 1116 is also being looked upon as an opportunity for increased emphasis in meeting MC&G requirements outside the Sino Soviet.

3. In COMIREX meeting of 17 February, the NRO set forth proposals for COMIREX review involving the scheduling and operation of mission 1117. The NRO pointed out that revisions were being made in the mission schedules and raised questions with respect to the criticality of search coverage during June 1972, as a major factor. NRO indicated that consideration was being given to launching the last KH-4 system mission 1117 approximately the middle of May.

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Because of the importance

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of operating mission 1116 and mission 1117 as proposed by NRO, with major benefits toward meeting MC&G requirements as set forth above, all MCGWG members and consultants are requested to strongly support the need for coverage of MC&G requirement areas outside the Sino Soviet to your respective COMIREX and ICRS members. Depending on developments, it may be desirable to discuss this matter in an MCGWG meeting prior to the next COMIREX meeting.

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COMIREX MC&G Working Group

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